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241 more machinery was bought on a co-operative
476 basis since the small farmers could not afford to buy them individually. Threshers, even long before independence, were being bought co-op-
• 467 eratively. The number of farm machinery increased considerably during independence as the following table (from Eesti, Teatmeteos, Vol. III) shows:

	1925	1939
Motors	642	3,657
Tractors	440	1,807
Horse plows	137,575	166,667
Tractor plows	-	1,524
Harrows	60,639	94,384
Cultivators	-	12,178
Sowers	4,639	10,840
Harvesters (reapers)	9,074	10,671
Hay reapers	14,621	41,686

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407 Horse rakes	16,259	34,876
Potato harvesters	751	3,259
Threshers	2,361	5,068

241 Estonian farms prevailingly used the 5-8 field rotation system and the 3-4 field system was practiced only in a few backward areas.

241 178 The reason for the rapid progress in Estonian agriculture during the years of independence may be summarized as follows: extensive vocational training of farmers, improvement in technical methods of production, increase in the area under cultivation, widening of the scope of production, agricultural co-operation, especially in buying of larger and more costly machinery, creation of a national system of agricultural credit, stabilization of prices of agricultural products and guarantee of a reasonable profit to producers.